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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-073-C - ORDER NO. 97-261

MARCH 27, 1997



IN RE: Application for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Amendment APPROVING by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. AMENDMENT TO and LCI International Telecom Corp. AGREEMENT

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the request of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and LCI International Telecom Corp. ("LCI") for approval of an amendment to the interconnection agreement negotiated by and between the two companies pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act"), and approved in Order No. 97-177.

The Commission has examined this amendment and finds that, like the agreement, it is consistent with the standards of Section 252 of the Act. We approve the amendment as filed, since it is not discriminatory and is consistent with the public interest in that it promotes competition. We further hold, however, that the terms of the amendment are not to be considered as a precedential standard for other amendments, nor is it binding on any other carrier.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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